

Mr.Powell:

Media ownership is an issue too important to be decided by a crass party line vote on June 2. It is apparent that you should disqualify yourself from participating in this vote based on the bias you have expressed in supporting a relaxation of the media ownership rules. You have consistently thwarted the efforts of Commissioners who have made an effort to give the issue a full public comment period. At the same time you have accepted financial support for dozens of "educational" trips from the broadcasting industry to further educate yourself on the selfserving viewpoints they represent.

I have urged all of my friends to join me along with millions of other Americans to prevent you from serving the corporate interests above the public interest. Your blatant disregard for the adverse influence of media consolidation on limiting diversity in public discourse must not be allowed to prevail.

I have written to my Congressional representative to urge them to take the unprecedented step to stop the vote on June 2 until the proposed action by the FCC is more fully discussed in major national forums. We obviously cannot depend on obtaining this discourse from the six media mogul giants through their control of the TV major networks,radio and newspaper outlets.

I sincerely hope you will reconsider your position. If not, every legal means must be employed to stop this unwarranted power grab.

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